

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to include SEQ ID numbers which were omitted at the time of filing of the Amendment dated 02/05/01.

CONCLUSION

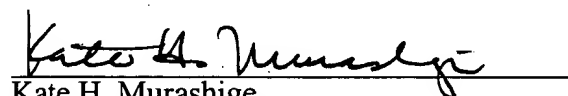
Applicants have amended the claims to put them in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Therefor, passage of pending claims to issue is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this sequence listing and the U.S. Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this sequence listing to our Deposit Account No. 03-1952. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A. - VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

15. (Amended) The [compound] peptide of claim [1] 27 wherein [each of α and β independently] comprises RIALRYYRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:40), YRLAIRRIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36), RIALRYRILLRY (SEQ ID NO:41) or YRLLIRYRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:42).

16. (Amended) The [compound] peptide of claim [1] 27 which is YRLAIRLNERRENRLIALRY (SEQ ID NO:26) or YRLAIRLNERYRLAIRLNER (SEQ ID NO:31).

17. (Amended) The [compound] peptide of claim [1] 27 which is YRLAIRRIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36).

27. (Amended). A peptide dimer that inhibits cytotoxicity and consists of 12 to 60 amino acids, and has the one of the following structures:

R E aa⁷⁷ L R aa⁸⁰⁻⁸³ Y (I) (SEQ ID NO:38) or

Y aa⁸³⁻⁸⁰ R L aa⁷⁷ E R (II) (SEQ ID NO:39), and

N-terminal acylated and/or C-terminal amidated or esterified forms;
wherein:

aa⁷⁷ is D, S or N;

aa⁸⁰ is I or N;

aa⁸¹ is A or L;

aa⁸² is R or L;

aa⁸³ is G or R.